

out of his clutches, but that it took to its legs, for want of wings: Its sudden escape so surpris'd the captor, that he stood amazed for awhile, which gave the poor creature time to gain a considerable scope of ground; but the astonished beast being recovered from his surprize, soon made after it, but was a considerable time before he could catch it, having nothing to lay hold of; so that the fowl would slip out of his hands. The race held about a quarter of an hour, in which time the poor creature having run itself out of breath, was forced to lie down before its pursuer, who immediately threw himself upon it, so took it up in his arms, and brought it home, but was not so ready to set it down as before: For he held it by one leg till I had laid hold of it.

I had a second time as good diversion, but after another manner. One morning early, whilst I was busy in my cottage, he went out, unperceived by me, and having been a considerable time absent, I feared that such another accident had befallen him, as that which happened to his predecessor, so I went to see after him: As he would often go and visit the nets in the woods, I went there first; where I found him very busy with such an animal as this we have here, which

he found taken in one of the nets, being as big as himself, kept him a while struggling for mastership, and would take it by the ears, and then by one leg, next by the tail, but could not get him along; at last he laid hold of his hind legs, and with the other



him on the back, in order to get him home, not being able to pull him along, the beast being too strong, still making the net thicker, where he certainly would have been the driver, had I not come upon him. Thus the old gentleman entered into his monkey's tricks whilst dining.